

House Resolution 1210

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st and McCall of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending BJC Mended Hearts Chapter #171 of Commerce, Georgia;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mended Hearts, Inc., is an affiliate of the American Heart Association and is
4 a nationwide support organization for people with heart disease, their families, medical
5 professionals, and other interested persons; and

6 WHEREAS, this organization has a membership of over 21,000 and operates mainly through
7 285 community based chapters across the United States and two in Canada; and

8 WHEREAS, these chapters partner with more than 450 hospitals and cardiac care facilities
9 in providing patient-to-patient support services; and

10 WHEREAS, annually, the trained and accredited volunteers of this program make
11 approximately 198,000 visits to patients and more than 30,000 visits to family members and
12 care givers, reaching as many as 160,000 patients and households; and

13 WHEREAS, more than 6,700 people gained support last year by connecting with a Mended
14 Heart volunteer through its internet visiting program and toll-free help line; and

15 WHEREAS, the BJC Mended Hearts Chapter #171 of Commerce, Georgia, was chartered
16 in November, 1992, with a main goal of visiting heart patients; and

17 WHEREAS, currently, they have approximately 35 members with about 20 members
18 attending the monthly meetings; and

19 WHEREAS, the first president of BJC Mended Hearts Chapter #171 of Commerce, Georgia,
20 was Mrs. Louise Heath, and some of the current members include Jerry Archer, Matt and

1 Inez Mize, Theron and Nancy Stancil, Dr. and Mrs. Neel, Henry and Alice Slocum, Beulah
2 Smith, Ed and Delia Tolbert, and Jo and Ralph Totherow.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
4 the members of this body recognize and commend BJC Mended Hearts Chapter #171 of
5 Commerce, Georgia, for the important support they provide to heart patients of all ages, their
6 families, and care givers.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the BJC Mended Hearts
9 Chapter #171 of Commerce, Georgia.